

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/827,256	EMPEDOCLES ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Zandra V. Smith	2877

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Zandra V. Smith. (3) _____
 (2) Mark Barrish. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 15 February 2005.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: all pending.

Identification of prior art discussed: Kambara et al. (US 6,288,220 B1).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed amendment to claims that would possibly overcome the rejection. Agreed that the proposed amendments to claims 5, 27, and 35 would overcome Kambara. Claim 45 includes limitations similar to claim 27. Regarding claim 34 agreed that the new limitation may overcome Kambara but the reference must be reviewed again and claim 17 would require further search and consideration of the Kambara reference.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

 Examiner's signature, if required